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1. MALAGASY PRESIDENT DIDIER RATSIRAKA OPENED MADAGASCAR'S NEW POPULAR NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON THURSDAY. IN HIS FORTY-FIVE MINUTE SPEECH DELIVERED IN MALAGASY, THE PRESIDENT DECLARED THAT EXPLOITATION OF THE MASSES HAD ENDED, THE SOCIALIST REVOLUTION WAS WELL-BEGUN WITH NATIONALIZATIONS OF KEY INDUSTRIES, DECENTRALIZATION OF ADMINISTRATION, REFORM OF PRIMARY EDUCATION, AND STABILIZATION OF THE COUNTRY'S MONEY, WHILE MADAGASCAR WAS RETAINING ITS "TOUS AZIMUTS", NON-ALIGNED FOREIGN POLICY.

2. AS REPORTED IN OFFICIAL MALAGASY NEWS BULLETIN "TARATRA ANTA", THE PRESIDENT BEGAN HIS SPEECH SAYING: "VOICE LA DERNIERE ETAPE DE LA PERIODE TRANSITOIRE AU COURS DE LAQUELLE SE SONT MANIFESTES DANS NOTRE PAYS DES ESPOIRS, DES INQUIETUDES CONCERNANT LA RECONSTRUCTION NATIONALE, LA LUTTE ARDENTE QUE NOUS AVONS MENE...ACTUELLEMENT, L'EXPLOITATION DE LA MASSE N'A PLUS COURS. LA TACTIQUE IMPERIALISTE EST DEJOUEE. LA DICTATURE A FINI SON TEMPS. NOUS ALLONS ENSEMBLE ECRIRE L'HISTOIRE...LES EFFORTS IMMENSES ENTREPRIS DEPUIS JUIN 1975 ONT ETE COURONNES DE SUCCES TELS QUE NOUS AVONS DEPASSE

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UNE NOUVELLE ETAPE DANS LA VOIE SOCIALISTE..."

3. ON STATE OF MALAGASY ECONOMY, RATSIRAKA SAID: "ACTUELLEMENT, L'ETAT EST MAJORITAIRE DANS LE COMMERCE EXTERIEUR APRES AVOIR NATIONALISE LES SOCIETES COMMERCIALES ETRANGERES QUI AVAIENT PILLE NOS RICHESSES NATIONALES. DANS PEU, NOUS NOUS CHARGERONS DE TOUTES LES IMPORTATIONS ET

EXPLOITATIONS. AINSI NOUS METTRONS FIN A TOUTES SORTIES ILLICITES DE DEVICES."

4. ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS, PRESIDENT SAID: "NOUS AVONS TENU NOTRE PROMESSE; AVEC NOTRE POLITIQUE TOUS AZIMUTS, NOUS AVONS NOUE DES RELATIONS AVEC TOUS LES PAYS QUI ACCEPTENT DE RESPECTER NOTRE SOUVERAINETE NATIONALE ET DE NE PAS S'INGERER DANS NOS AFFAIRES INTERIEURES.

"NOUS AIDERONS VOLONTIERS TOUS LES PAYS AFRICAINS QUI SONT ENCORE PLACES SOUS LA DOMINATION DES IMPERIALISTES JUSQU'A LEUR ACCESSION A L'INDEPENDANCE PAR EXEMPLE LE SAHARA OCCIDENTAL, PALESTINE, TIMOR DE L'EST, ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIE, AFRIQUE DU SUD, MAYOTTE, ETC... LE FAIT D'AVOIR CHOISI LES PAYS SOCIALISTES COMME PARTENAIRES EST A L'ORIGINE D'UN CERTAIN NOMBRE D'AVANTAGES QUI SE CHIFFRENT A PLUS DE 25 MILLIARDS EN NOTRE FAVEUR..."

5. SIGNIFICANTLY, WHEN DISCUSSING DOMESTIC POLITICAL AFFAIRS, PRESIDENT LEFT DOOR OPEN TO LEFTIST GROUPS THAT HAD BORKEN WITH GOVERNMENT IN PAST. ACCORDING TO FRENCH LANGUAGE DAILY "MADAGASCAR MATIN": "LE PRESIDENT DE LA REPUBLIQUE, DANS LE DERNIER VOLET DE SON DISCOURS, A PARLE DU FRONT NATIONAL POUR LA DEFENSE DE LA REVOLUTION ET DE L'EVENTUEL PARTI UNIQUE. IL A DECLARE QUE CERTAINS FRERES DE LA GAUCHE, DES 'FRERES EGARES', ONT MAINTENANT LA CONVICTION DU BIEN FONDE DE LA REVOLUTION ET UNCLASSIFIED

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QUE DONC ILS ONT ACCEPTE ET SERONT APPELES A FAIRE PARTIE DU FRONT ALORS QUE D'AUTRES GAUCHISTES AUSSI DEMEURENT MALHEUREUSEMENT HORS DU FRONT."

6. YESTERDAY, THE ASSEMBLY ELECTED AS ITS PRESIDENT LUCIEN X.M. ANDRIANAARAHINJAKA, MINISTER OF INFORMATION SINCE 1975. ALSO ON THURSDAY THE GOVERNMENT WAS DISSOLVED. THE COMPOSITION OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE KNOWN IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

7. TODAY (FRIDAY), THE ASSEMBLY ELECTED THE FIVE VICE-PRESIDENTS REPRESENTING THREE OF THE PARTIES THAT COMPRISE THE FRONT AS FOLLOWS: ONE AKFM, ONE VONJY AND THREE AREMA (PRESIDENT'S PARTY).MCCOO, ACTING

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